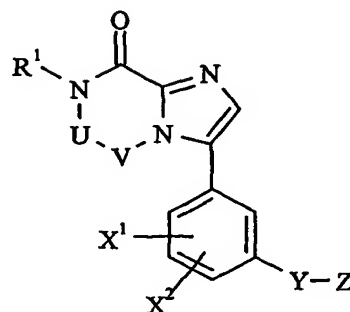


CLAIMS

1. A compound of formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:



(I)

wherein

-U-V- represents -CH=CH-, or -CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-, -N=CH- or -CH=N-;

X<sup>1</sup> represents hydrogen, halogen, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, trifluoromethyl or C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy;

10 X<sup>2</sup> represents hydrogen or halogen;

Y represents a chemical bond, an oxygen atom, or a -NH- or -OCH<sub>2</sub>- linkage;

Z represents an optionally substituted aryl or heteroaryl group;

15 R<sup>1</sup> represents hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic group, trifluoromethyl, -SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>a</sup>, -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>, -COR<sup>a</sup>, -CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>a</sup> or -CONR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>; and

R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>b</sup> independently represent hydrogen, hydrocarbon or a heterocyclic group.

2. A compound according to claim 1 in which -U-V- represents -CH=CH- and  
20 Y represents a chemical bond, an oxygen atom, or an -NH- linkage.

3. A compound according to claim 1 or 2 in which Y is a chemical bond.

4. A compound according to claim 1, 2 or 3 in which R<sup>1</sup> is methyl, ethyl,  
25 fluoroethyl, difluoroethyl, trifluoroethyl, isopropyl, methyl-triazolylmethyl or pyridinylmethyl.

5. A compound according to any preceding claim in which X<sup>1</sup> is fluorine and X<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen.
6. A compound according to any preceding claim in which Z is a substituted phenyl or triazolyl group.
7. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 6, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.
8. A compound according to any one of claims 1 to 6, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, for use in a method of treatment of the human body by therapy.
9. Use of a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 6, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, for the manufacture of a medicament for treating or preventing anxiety, convulsions or a cognitive disorder.
10. A method for the treatment and/or prevention of anxiety, convulsions or a cognitive disorder which comprises administering to a patient in need of such treatment an effective amount of a compound according to claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.